

1. (Previously Amended). A recording sheet for ink jet printing comprising a support wherein at least one ink receiving layer is coated thereon and contains binders, a porous inorganic oxide and a water soluble monohydroxycarboxylic acid; wherein said porous inorganic oxide is colloidal aluminum oxide, colloidal aluminum oxide/hydroxide or pseudo-bohemite and wherein said porous inorganic oxide further includes at least one element of the rare earth metal series of the periodic system of the elements with atomic numbers 57 to 71.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Amended). A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein said water soluble monohydroxymonocarboxylic acid is 2-hydroxypropionic acid.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein said porous inorganic oxide is colloidal  $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled).

acid.

9. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 to wherein said binders are gelatine, polyvinyl alcohol or polyvinyl pyrrolidone or mixtures thereof.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously Amended). A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein said element is present in an amount of from 0.04 to 4.2 mole percent relative to  $Al_2O_3$ .

12. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 further comprising water soluble metal salts selected from the group consisting of alkaline earth metal salts and rare earth metal salts.

13. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 12 wherein said rare earth metal salt is lanthanum nitrate.

14. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 further comprising cross-linking agents.

15. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to

silicate or colloidal silicium dioxide and polymer beads.

16. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 further comprising at least one or more of a compound selected from the group consisting of surfactants, brightening agents, UV absorbers, light stabilizers and antioxidants.

17. (Previously Amended). A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein said porous inorganic oxide and said water soluble monohydroxycarboxylic acid are in the same layer.

18. (Currently Amended). A recording sheet according to claim 1 further comprising an auxiliary layer which includes a porous inorganic oxide and or a water soluble monohydroxycarboxylic acid [~~an aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid with more than 2 C atoms~~]].

19. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein the coating on said support has a thickness in the range of 0.5 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  dry thickness.

20. (Previously Presented). A recording sheet according to claim 1 wherein said support is coated with an antistatic layer or an anticurl layer on the uncoated support surface.